

FEB 16 1999

Honorable Peter J. McIntyre
 Mayor, City of Kearny
 402 Kearny Avenue
 Kearny, New Jersey 07032-2604

Re: Posting of Fish Advisory Signs

Dear Mayor McIntyre:

As you may know, the State of New Jersey has issued advisories pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Code 7:25-14 and 18A for the Passaic River downstream of Dundee Dam and streams that feed into this section of the Passaic River. The advisories state that no fish or shellfish are to be eaten and that blue crabs are not even to be harvested.

In addition, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is overseeing an investigation of the lower Passaic River in the area designated on the enclosed map. This investigation is being conducted pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (Superfund) and is associated with the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, located at 80 and 120 Lister Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

As this segment of the Passaic River is being handled through EPA's Superfund Program, EPA is posting the advisory signs in this area. Signs have been posted on the Newark side of the river. EPA has checked the signs and some are missing. We plan to replace the missing signs this month. As part of this effort, EPA would like to post additional signs on the publically accessible lands in Kearny and Harrison within our study area. EPA is therefore requesting permission to post signs in the parks along River Road in Kearny and Harrison. The signs will be in English, Spanish, and Portuguese and will read: *"Do not eat any fish or crabs from these waters."* The signs will also provide a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection telephone number for citizens to call if they have any questions.

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I would greatly appreciate a letter from you granting permission to post the signs in Kearny. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Sharon Jaffess, Project Manager for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site at (212) 637-4396, or Peter Brandt, Chief of the Intergovernmental Affairs Branch at (212) 637-3657.

Sincerely yours,

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